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TAGS: OVIP, NI

SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE: MEETING WITH LEADING
WOMEN

REF: A) LAGOS 2721, B) STATE 52294

1. SUGGESTIONS OUTLINED REF A MOST HELPFUL. HOWEVER,
THE WHITE HOUSE PREFERS THAT MRS. CARTER NOT HAVE ANY
SCHEDULED VISITS TO ANY MUSEUMS ON THIS TRIP. EXPERIENCE
HAS SHOWN THAT VISITS TO MUSEUMS ARE TIRING, TIME CONSUM-
ING AND CONTRIBUTE LITTLE TO THE OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF
THE TRIP. THEY ALSO BECOME EVENTS IN THEMSELVES, WITH
ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES REGARDING PRESS COVERAGE, BRIEFING
ETC. WE WOULD PREFER MEETING IN STATE HOUSE MARINA,
OR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE PROVIDED ADEQUATE FACILITIES
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FORM OF A CONFERENCE ROOM WITH
ENOUGH SPACE NOT ONLY FOR THE PARTICIPANTS BUT FOR THOSE
MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES THAT MAY BE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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2. YOU MAY RAISE MRS. CARTER'S DESIRE TO MEET A SMALL
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF LEADING NIGERIAN WOMEN WITH THE
FMG, SOLICIT ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE IN ADDITION
THOSE REF A REGARDING NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION AND SECURE
THEIR PROPOSALS REGARDING THE VENUE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD

MAKE NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME REGARDING
THE PARTICIPATION IN, THE VENUE OF OR THE TIME FOR SUCH A
MEETING. FOR WORKING PURPOSES, YOU MAY ASSUME MRS.
CARTER'S MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS
THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL OBASANJO.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT OF NIGERIAN REACTION SOONEST.

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